COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

THE APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS

OF KENTUCKY, INC. FOR ISSUANCE OF

A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE

AND NECESSITY TO BID ON A GAS

DISTRIBUTION FRANCHISE IN THE

CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY

OF WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY.

CASE NO. 8095

## ORDER

On the 16th day of December, 1980, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., filed with the Commission its Application seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to bid on a franchise offered by the City of Winchester. A public hearing on the application was held on February 4, 1981.

Upon examination of the Application, proof, and exhibits, the Commission, being advised, finds that there is a need and demand for gas service within the corporation limits of Winchester. It is the Commission's construction of the applicable statute that its consideration of this application is limited to a determination of whether a need and demand exists for the service sought to be rendered.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Columbia Gas of Kentucky,
Inc. be and it hereby is authorized to bid on a franchise
offered by the City of Winchester.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., if it becomes the successful bidder, file with this Commission a copy of said franchise.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall not be construed as granting a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct utility facilities in the corporation limits of Winchester.

Richard D. Heman, Jr. Secretary